



PATENT 3940/3928B (CON)

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Prior Application: 08/997,774 filed December 24, 1997 with a first
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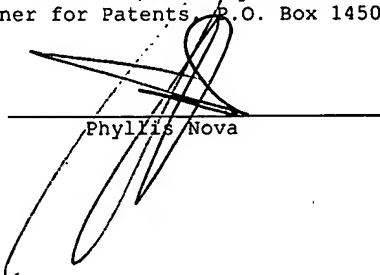
FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 08/997,774 filed on December 24, 1997, of Chen, et al. for CATALYTIC CONVERTER SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE POWERED VEHICLES.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed is attached.
X I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.
X The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which are attached are as follows:
29 pages of specification
4 pages of claims
1 pages of abstract
2 pages of drawings
10 pages of declaration and power of attorney.

Certification under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.53(b) request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on February 20, 2004 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV328145357US addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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2. AMENDMENTS

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

3. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16) - Claims After Above Amendment

	Claims Filed		Extra		Rate	Basic Fee
						\$770.00
Total Claims	30	-	20	10	x \$18.00	180.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$86.00	0
Multiple dependent Claims (if any, one fee for all)					x 290.00	<u>290.00</u>
				Total		\$1,240.00

4. DRAWINGS

2 Pages of formal drawings are enclosed.

5. RELATE BACK

X Amend the specification by inserting the following section in the first line, after the title:

"CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial Number 08/997,774 filed December 24, 1997 with a first CPA filed November 21, 2000, now abandoned."

6. ASSIGNMENT

X The prior application is assigned to ENGELHARD CORPORATION, and Assignment was recorded in the USPTO on February 10, 1998 under Reel/Frame 8963/0108.

7. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

8. FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

- X Basic Filing Fee \$1,240.00
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X A duplicate of this request is attached.

9. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the application to Account No. 05-1070.

10. EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

An Express Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.138 regarding serial number 08/997,774 is enclosed .

11. POWER OF ATTORNEY

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☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 28,649.☐ attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) (may act under 37 CFR 1.34(a) only if box 2 above, stating that the application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application, is checked.) Attorney or agent registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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